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The Honorable Ken Bennett  
President  
Arizona State Senate  
1700 West Washington Street  
Senate Office Building  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1477: psychotropic drugs; testing; informed consent

Dear President Bennett:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1477 relating to psychotropic drug testing.

This bill is not needed to safeguard patients because adequate and comprehensive procedures currently exist to protect participants in drug trials and ensure each participant provides informed consent. Senate Bill 1477 would not meaningfully improve those protections, but would impose unnecessarily burdensome impediments on the ability of behavioral health professionals to deliver services. It also unnecessarily holds such professionals to a higher standard than other medical professionals. In addition, because this bill leaves many key terms undefined, it is susceptible to overly broad interpretations that could further harm already vulnerable patients.

For these and other reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 1477.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", followed by a long horizontal line.

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers  
The Honorable Linda Gray